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THE FLAT HAT

TIDEWATER INTERCOLLEGIATE TRACK MEET TO BE HELD HERE MAY 22ND.

Several Large High Schools Have Already Signified Their Intention of Entering

On May 22nd the annual Tidewater Interscholastic Track and Field Meet will be held on Cary Field under the auspices of the College of William and Mary. Three years ago the College held the first interscholastic meet on Cary Field, and it was a great success. Two years ago all arrangements had been made for the second annual meet, but because of unfavorable weather and poor field conditions, it was necessary to cancel the games that year. Last year, however, the events were held on May 23rd, and it proved a "big day" in Williamsburg.

Invitations for this year's meet have already been sent out to all high schools and preparatory schools in Tidewater Virginia, and as a large number of these schools have already signified their intention of entering, the 1915 games are sure to be a greater success than any before.

The events will be as follows and will be run approximately in the order given:

100-yard dash, one mile run, 440-yard dash, running high jump, 220-yard dash, 880-yard run, putting 12-pound shot, pole vault, throwing the discus, and the running broad jump, as well as a 880-yard relay race, four men to a team.

Silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the winners of first and second places in each event; a silver medal will be awarded to the individual winning the greatest number of points; a silver cup will be awarded to the winning relay team; and a silver cup will be presented to the school scoring the greatest total of points, the results of the relay race not to be included in figuring the total number of points scored. The medals will be awarded immediately after the games.

All visiting athletes will be entertained by the William and Mary Student-body during their stay in Williamsburg, and the College will entertain all visiting competitors at dinner.

"Kid" Arnold was in town from Friday to Sunday, having come down with the Richmond Academy baseball team, which he is coaching.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY HOODOO GETS VARSITY ON SATURDAY

William and Mary Nine loses First Championship game played on Cary Field this year.

William and Mary played her first championship game of the season on Cary Field last Saturday, and it was one of the most exciting contests ever staged on the local grounds. It was either team's game from beginning to end. Although the Orange and Black were offered more chances to score, they failed to accept them, and were beaten by the Tiger's lone run scored in the last frame.

From a William and Mary standpoint the contest was heart-breaking, for with victory within our grasp the game was thrown away as a result of poor judgement on the bases. Garnett was in excellent form, allowing only three hits and striking out nine men, and deserved a victory. The run scored by Hampden-Sidney was a direct result of two errors—the only two made by the team.

The fielding of Games was brilliant at all times while for Hampden-Sidney Whaley and Thurman did excellent work. Richmond's catch of Games' long drive in the seventh also featured, and in the sixth Tucker rushed in at full speed, snapped up Bugg's slow roller and without stopping threw to first in time to catch the flying Tiger.

Until the sixth neither team was in much danger of being scored on. In the third with one out Thurman was hit by a pitched ball and stole but was caught napping at second, and in the fifth W. and M. got a man to second after two hands were out, but the next hitter was an easy out. Richmond tripled to right center after two men had been retired in the sixth, but Murray's best was a nasty bouncer to Games which "Pud" handled cleanly.

The seventh saw W. and M. fill the bases and then fail to score. Addington led off with a safe blow to right. Newton bunted and beat the throw to first. Capt. Tucker laid a beautiful bunt down the first base line, which Ninniger fielded too late to make a play, and the bases were filled. Then Coach Bernier yanked Ninniger and sent Carrington to the rubber. Games hit

the first ball to deep center and Richmond made a beautiful running catch of the drive. Addington thinking the ball would go safe started for home and was doubled up at third, Rothwell fouled to Bugg.

The fatal ninth. Heflin juggled Carrington's grounder and the Tiger pitcher was safe at first. Richmond and Murry both sacrificed and Hodges hit a fast one over second. Games cut across, fielded it perfectly and from a difficult position threw to first, but Addington failed to hold the ball on a short bounce and Carrington scored. After Whaley had been hit by a pitched ball, Wilson forced him at second.

Heflin was safe to start the locals' half of the inning when Hodges dropped Thurman's throw, and when Addington beat out a bunt, W. and M's hopes rose with the shouting. Newton however bunted a foul to Bugg and Heflin was out on Tucker's roller to Wilson. Games, who twice had been equal to the occasion, hit sharply to Carter and was retired at first.

The box score.

W. & M.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Heflin, ss.....	4	0	0	0	4	1
Games, 2b.....	4	0	0	2	5	0
Newton, lf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0
Tucker, 3b.....	4	0	1	2	1	0
Rothwell, cf.....	2	0	1	1	0	0
Addington, 1b.....	4	0	2	12	0	1
Jones, rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Zehmer, c.....	3	0	0	9	0	0
Garnett, p.....	3	0	1	0	3	0

Totals31 0 6 27 13 2

The box score:

H-S	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Thurman, ss.....	2	0	0	1	5	0
Carter, 2b.....	3	0	1	1	2	0
Bugg, c.....	4	0	0	3	1	0
Carrington, 3b, p... 3	1	0	1	2	0	
Richmond, cf.....	2	0	1	1	1	0
Murry, rf.....	3	0	0	2	0	0
Hodges, 1b.....	4	0	1	13	0	2
Whaley, lf.....	3	0	0	3	0	0
Ninniger, p.....	3	0	0	0	4	0
Wilson, 3b.....	1	0	0	2	0	0

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Score by innings:

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W. and M.....	000 000 000—0
H-S.....	000 000 001—1

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FAST LOCAL PREP. NINE TAKES GAME FROM RICHMOND ACADEMY

Academy Wins From Richmond Boys in One of the Fastest Games Played on Cary Field

William and Mary Academy added one more to their already numerous victories this season, when they administered Richmond Academy a good drubbing on Cary Field Friday afternoon by a score of 2-0. It was one of the fastest games witnessed here this season. Capt. Spencer was "out there" with his usual good form and held the visitors to five scattered hits, not allowing any of them to reach the third sack. In the first frame, Tucker swatted a safe one and stole second, to be brought in by the long two bagger by hard-hitting "Monk" Ellis. For five innings after this both teams struggled to send one of their mates across the rubber, the locals appearing to have a little the best of it. Again in the seventh the William and Mary Academy rallied when Quillen scored on the safe swat of Spencer. The Richmond Academy seemed to lose hope after this and were sent to the bench in regular order.

The score:

	R	H	E
W. M. A.....	2	6	0
R. A.....	0	5	2

Summary: Two-base hits—Ellis, G. Kuyk. Stolen bases—Tucker, Quillen, Roden. Double play—Burford to G. Kuyk to Shackelford. Hits—off Spencer, 5; off Brown 6. Struck-out—by Spencer, 5; by Brown 10. Bases on balls—off Spencer 2; off Brown 2. Umpire—Mr. Addington.

CAPTAINS ELECTED

Howard H. Jones has been elected captain of next year's basketball team. Jones has played forward on the Varsity quint for the past three years. He is a brilliant, heady player and it is safe to say that under his generalship next year's five will be a winner.

Preston P. Taylor was last week chosen to captain the 1916 football team and Robert P. Wallace was elected "alternate," to serve in the event that Taylor does not return to college next fall. Both men have fine gridiron records behind them, having played the two tackles on the Varsity eleven for the past two years. Regardless of which becomes captain, next year's team is sure to be in good hands, for both are able leaders!

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STAY FOR COMMENCEMENT

Our plea is old, but it seems necessary—hence this. Fellows, stay for commencement. It will mean only a few more days away from home. All the worry of lectures, examinations, etc., will be over and you'll be able to "just loaf" around the fine old College to your heart's content—certainly the happiest days of the year.

The prospects for a good commencement this year are unusually bright. There will be splendid addresses by several distinguished and eloquent speakers, as well as literary society contests of more than usual interest. Music and dancing galore, the Senior Celebration, a College Prom., a baseball game between the Faculty and the Senior Class, and many other aids to pleasant and instructive "time-killing" will be here; then, too, the fascinating Final girls!

Commencement week is as much a part of the College year as the other weeks. Stay over, fellows, and round-out the year. You will never regret it.

LAWN TENNIS

What's the matter with our tennis players?

Tennis enthusiasts at Hampden-Sidney, Randolph-Macon, and Richmond College have voluntarily subscribed for a cup, and are going to hold a tournament of their own as a preparation for next year's tournament conducted by the Eastern Inter-collegiate League. William and

Mary had better "get a move on."

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The Athletic Association authorities earnestly support this branch of athletics, and will offer some suitable prize for proficiency.

During the week of May 10-15 an interclass tournament in Singles and Doubles will be played. The following week a tournament irrespective of class will be held. For the latter event a dozen Spalding tennis balls will be awarded to the winning Doubles team, and a similar award will be made in the Singles, the prize to be divided between the winner and the runner-up.

Put your name on the Entry List on the Bulletin Board.

LITERARY SOCIETY CONTESTS

The two literary societies last week held their annual excellency contests, with the following results:

Phoenix—A. D. Ownby won the excellency medal in declamation, and W. R. Shands the excellency medal in debate.

Philomathean—W. E. Zion, excellency in declamation; P. N. Derring, excellency in oratory; and Clarence Jennings, excellency in debate.

The men of the two societies will meet in an inter-society contest during Final Week.

The Final Program

On Monday evening, June 7th, the debating contest will be held in the College Chapel, P. N. Derring presiding. The contestants will be W. R. Shands and F. G. Ribble for the Phoenix, and C. Jennings and W. D. Harris for the Philomathean Society, the first two debating the affirmative and the other two the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That under present conditions the Administration Ship Purchase Bill is desirable."

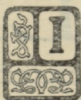
On Tuesday evening, June 8th, the contests in oratory and declamation will be held, with W. M. Grimsley presiding. In oratory P. N. Derring of the Philomathean will battle with J. W. Smith of the Phoenix; and in declamation, A. D. Ownby of the Phoenix will contest with W. E. Zion of the Philomathean.

The points in the contests count as follows: debate, two; oratory, two; declamation, one. The society winning a majority of points will be awarded a silver cup.

CRAZY QUILT PATCHES

(BY JOOZY KORR)

COMPOS MENTIS



IN the April "Mag" our dear Brother "Mirror" almost split his skin with his swell of pride at so gallantly affecting a "Horatius at the Bridge" in defence of the "frozen music" and 'poetic suggestion' of the "Englishman's chief heritage"—the English language. The doughty little fellow ran out and cast some reflections upon the champions of one of the greatest of twentieth century movements.

Isn't it awful, Mable, to think of making any change in the English language which would involve the slightest loss of the "ancient and momentous beauty" of its "gigantic fabric of architectural sound or frozen music." Ah, Brother, suffer thy concern for sound to undergo revision downward. What jackass said anything about reforming the sound of words?—halloo "I." Why, for the land's sake, Brother, the sound of words is the very standard

with which it is proposed that spelling be brought into conformity. And since when was poetry or prose written for the eye? What carest thou how the symbols look so long as the sound offendeth not thine ear? Here's the rub: so many of our words do not look as they are pronounced; ergo, children and foreners learn our language with much more difficulty than would otherwise be required.

All hail the "Focus"! All hail the Farmville pioneer of the South! Of course Sister "Focus" could not be expected to simplify every word; the simplification of every word must come slowly, according to Brother "Mirror's" cherished law of the changes in language—"as gentle, gradual, and imperceptible as the changes in the skin of the human baby." But a start must be made, and as soon as the words already officially simplified come into general use among all those of a progressive turn of mind, more words will be simplified and our language, Brother "Mirror," will undergo thy "baby-skin change." Thoro reform will

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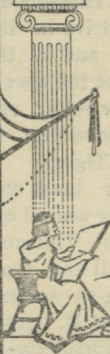
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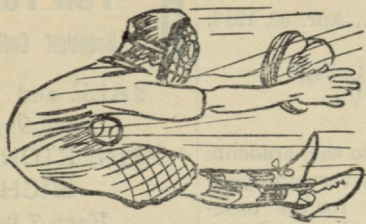
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come; the movement is impelled by that infallible law of Nature—conservation of energy.

We are proud of the fact that Brother "Mirror" has got along so famously in his history of Shakespeare as to be able to read him NOW without the aid of the lexicon in the back of every good edition of the Immortal Poet. What is to hinder simplifying Shakespeare for the benefit of our dearly beloved progeny of A. D. 2015?

And what little squirt is it who has the audacity to say that Mr. Carnegie believes in reformed spelling because he knows no better. Infant, hush thy noise. It strikes us that Brother Andrew is the same man who didn't know any better than to standardize colleges, champion world peace, give money for exhaustive research and for recharting the oceans.

As for Brother Teddy, he is paying the penalty for being alive; no one will appreciate him until he turns up his toes to the daisies.

And so while literary stick-in-the-muds raise their squeals against progression in favor of their fetish, Reformed Spelling will go marching on, leaving them ensconced in their worship of the tried-and-found-wanting.

It is with regret that we cannot say more, but Brother Editor insists that these Patches be cut to pattern.

PARABLE ON BOYS

Verily in this day and generation the father raiseth up his son on the streets and sidewalks. He stayeth around the soda founts and imbibeth slop and hookworm. He groweth in knowledge of nothing save cigarettes and cuss words.

When he attains the age of sixteen he acquireth a suit of clothes turned up at the bottom two fur-loughs above his feet. He displayeth a pair of noisy socks with purple background and violets to the front. He wearth a pair of low cut shoes, also a green necktie. He looketh like a banana merchant on the streets of Cairo.

The inside of his head resembleth the inside of a pumpkin. He falleth in love with a spindle shanked girl with pink ribbon on her hair, and craveth for an automobile that he may ride her forth in the springtime. He scattereth his pin money like a cyclone scattereth a rail fence. He sitteth up at night to write poetry and giveth no thought to the multiplication table. His mind turneth to the varieties of life and not to the highest cost of cornbread. Verily, verily he needeth a board applied vigorously to the southwest corner of his anatomy.

He thinketh his father a plodder and his mother a back number. He pictured to himself great riches suddenly acquired. He dreameth of steam yachts and private cars.

Yes, he thinketh himself the real stuff. He butteth in where he is not wanted; he criticiseth his elders; he purchaseth cheap perfume and smell-eth louder than a billy goat.

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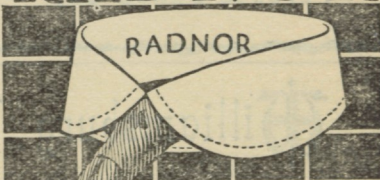
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Editor Flat Hat

William and Mary College

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Dear Sir:

Kindly announce to the students of William and Mary through your columns that the cup for the baseball championship of last year will be sent to the Athletic authorities there next week.

I certainly regret that this matter has hung fire so long. I was under the impression all along that the cup had to be awarded by the general association and not by the executive committee; here upon which I serve as William and Mary's representative. I called on the secretary of the association the past winter about the matter and have since been under the impression that the cup was awarded and forwarded to William and Mary at the annual meeting of the Association.

I found out a week ago, however, and much to my chagrin, that the secretary of the executive committee was the proper authority to buy the cup, and that the cup had not been bought. The Executive Committee had no secretary up to a week ago, it being very difficult indeed to get any one to serve, but we did land one this week and he was instructed by the committee to purchase the cup for William and Mary at once. In all probability the cup will be in the possession of the students next week.

Now, I hereby promise that if the William and Mary team lands the championship this spring I will do my utmost to see that the cup is in the library at William and Mary by Alumni Day, June 9th.

Very truly yours,
Chas. A. Taylor.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY HOODOO

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Three-base hit—Richmond. Sacrifice hits—Rothwell, Richmond, 2; Murry. Stolen bases—Thurman, Carter, 2. Double play—Richmond to Thurman to Wilson. Hits off Ninniger, 5 in six innings; off Carington, 1 in three innings. Bases on balls—off Garnett 3. Hit by pitched ball—Thurman, Whaley. Struck out by Garnett 9; by Ninniger 1. Umpire—Hedgepath.

"Red" Hall was at his home in Norfolk county over Sunday.

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